

Giles Allison's Joke on "Wick" Mason.

"Saw a new trick up in Iowa the other day," said Giles Allison last night. "I was stopping at a little station on the Northwestern, and the hotel was close to the railroad track. The through passenger trains don't stop there. In the party sitting outside after dinner was a man who had a fine gold watch, with a case of extraordinary weight. He said it was the heaviest watch case made, and the strongest.

"There is a funny thing about this watch of mine," he said; "it is so strong that I can put it on the railroad track and let a train run over it and it will not be damaged in the least."

"Right on the rail?" queried one of the party.

"Yes, I'll place it right on the top of the rail, where the wheels run, and it won't be hurt a particle."

"But you're cigars you dangle do it."

"The proposition was promptly accepted, and the whole crowd present included in the payment of the wager, no matter who lost. In a few minutes a train was seen approaching, when the owner of the watch went out to the track, put his time-piece on the rail, and then walked back to the hotel porch and resumed his chair as cool as a cucumber. The train came thundering on, and the crowd got excited. They stood with open mouths, and thinking what a shame it was that an infernal fool should put such a fine watch on the rails to be smashed into smithereens. When the locomotive struck the spot where the watch had been placed the crowd groaned and fancied they could see bits of gold flying along with the dust. But the owner of the watch sat quietly smoking his cigar, and as the long train had passed, he walked out, reached down and picked his watch up from the side of the rail, as perfect as if it had been in his pocket all the time.

"You see," he said, as we all lighted fresh cigars at the other fellow's expense, "there is no danger in this trick providing you place your watch near the edge of the rail, where the wheels have worn the face smooth, and so that the slightest disturbance will cause it to slide off inside the rail. The watch-case is oval, and that leaves an opening for the air to get under. If the jar of the rail did not cause the watch to fall off the pressure of the air from the approaching train surely would. I have performed that little trick hundreds of times and never met with an accident. One day a fresh traveling man from this city, named J. W. Mason, saw me do it, and he at once declared that that was nothing—anybody could do that. So he went out in front of another train and put his watch on the rail. After the train had passed he found his watch about 40 rods up the track. It was about as big as a saucer and as thin as a piece of light cardboard. He had made the fatal mistake of putting the watch near the end of a rail, and so nicely balanced upon top of the rail that it didn't fall off. This trick is just like any other—you want to know how to do it."

Bob Dinsmore Gets \$1,000.

Among the proceedings of the United States Court in this morning's Kansas City Times, we find the following:

The case of Bob Dinsmore against Joseph P. Powell for \$5,000 damages for injuries received in an assault made by Powell, was terminated by a judgment of \$1,000 against the defendant. Dinsmore was a conductor on a Chicago & Alton passenger train, on March 27, 1884, and Powell was a turbulent passenger who wanted to have the train stopped to get his hat which had blown out of the window. The petition charged that when Dinsmore said he would not stop the train Powell attacked him with a knife and severely injured him.

Dinsmore is well known in Mexico, having lived in Mexico a number of years, and his friends will be glad to know that the suit for damages resulted in his favor.

Not The Same.

It is pernicious activity for office-holders to make speeches—that is, to many speeches—but President Cleveland evidently approves of the sending checks to help along the canvass. He sends checks himself. Moral for office-holders—Keep quiet, but send checks.—N. Y. Sun.

One is against the law, the other is not.

Why the Angels Bounced Him.

"Mother, didn't you say all the babies came from heaven?"

"Yes, my son."

"Did our Charley come from there, too?"

"Yes."

"Well, no wonder the angels bounced him—he's such a yowler."

A Mistake.

Proprietor—So you're the young fellow that robs my orchard?

Innocence—I ain't been a-robin no one.

Proprietor—What make your pockets bulge so?

Innocence—It's the way the pants is cut.

White River, W. T., Oct. 21, '81.

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.—Gentlemen:

My wife suffered for over twenty years with rheumatism in her hips and legs. On reading your Almanac she positively believed that your Sarsaparilla would cure her. She has taken four bottles and is now as well as ever she was in her life. I feel it my duty to send you my sincere thanks.

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Moberly's Railway Foundry Burned.

Moberly, Mo., Nov. 5.—At 8:30 o'clock to-night the foundry of the Wabash railway company was totally destroyed by fire, involving a loss of about \$10,000 on the building and several thousand dollars on patterns, tools, etc. It was being run under lease by the Missouri and Foundry company of St. Louis. From thirty to forty men are thrown out of employment.

In the Pen.

From the Paris Mercury.

The next meeting of the State Anti-Thief Association will be held in Mexico. Where the horse thieves will meet is not stated.

Prof. I. E. Page, principal of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., will lecture at the Court House on Friday night, Nov. 12th, for the benefit of Colored School Library. Admission, ten cents.

An enjoyable hop was given Friday night at the residence of W. W. Johnson, on the "Jim Robinson farm," north of town. About twenty couples were present, four or five of whom went from this city.

A. L. Cord has just opened a furniture store in Auxvasse. Auxvasse is a good business town, and Mr. Cord will certainly enjoy a good business.

Joe Rice, of Rails, saw seven deer up a hollow while with the boys in Osage. He bent his gun in order to kill them all—gun busted, got none, so Spotswood says.

Farmers, who want good reading matter free, should call at the Ledger office. We have sample papers for distribution from all over the county, and they are worth reading.

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R. F. Hoffman has been appointed by the County Court as an additional Justice of the Peace in Cuivre township.

Read ad. of Frank Tucker, the boot & shoe man, in the Ledger. After you read his ad. make him a call.

Lee Vivion says he raised plenty of corn this year, many of the ears weighing one pound and over.

J. R. Brown and a colored man gathered 9 loads of corn in 9 hours and unloaded them. Who can beat it?

There is talk of the Select Knights, A. O. U. W., giving an entertainment at the Opera House shortly.

Lee Vivion has a sale at Joe Fennewald's Nov. 17th. Lee expects to go to Texas.

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The following are a few of those in Mexico who have put in the Regulator:

J. A. Guthrie, J. M. Marmaduke, J. M. Gordon, J. A. Potts, Frank Kilgore, J. D. Morris.

Statement of thermometer test August 12, 1886, in room 37, at 310 Pine street, San Francisco, Cal., in the ordinary fireplace and damper, without Draft Regulator, with 12 lbs. canal coal, from 9 a. m. until 2 p. m.—five hours:

9 a. m., thermometer.....67°—

10 a. m., thermometer.....71°—4

11 a. m., thermometer.....70°—3

12 m., thermometer.....69°—2½

1 p. m., thermometer.....68½—2

2 p. m., thermometer.....65—1½

12°

Same room, August 13, 1886, with Hunter's Draft Regulator:

9 a. m., thermometer.....65°—

10 a. m., thermometer.....74°—9½

11 a. m., thermometer.....74°—9

12 m., thermometer.....74°—9

1 p. m., thermometer.....73°—8

2 p. m., thermometer.....72°—7

42½°

Present at test, E. G. Walt, ex-Andrain officer, and Hulsey F. Cooper, ex-Deputy Surveyor of Customs, of San Francisco, California.

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